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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,736,429
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 4,903,305
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 4,975,959
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 4,985,924
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,075,896
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,131,043
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 5,333,275
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 5,390,278
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 5,684,925
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 5,708,759
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 5,737,723
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 5,752,227
- (13) U.S. Patent No. 5,873,061
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 5,983,177
- (15) U.S. Patent No. 6,182,039
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Documents (1) through (17) and (30) through (33) were cited during prosecution of U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/985,543 and 09/986,914, which are

commonly-assigned with the subject application. Documents (23) and (24) are publications of Application Nos. 09/985,543 and 09/986,914, respectively, by the Patent Office.

Documents (18) to (22) and (25 to (29) were cited during prosecution of a related application, which is also commonly-assigned with the subject application.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice Of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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